

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	09/668,494	JONES, ROBERT E.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	Thomas A. Dixon	3639	

**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 6/13/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 25-28, 30-31, 33-38, 42-48, 50-51, 53, 55-63.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
  1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)</li> <li>3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),<br/>Paper No./Mail Date _____</li> <li>4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br/>of Biological Material</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application</li> <li>6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br/>Paper No./Mail Date _____</li> <li>7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment</li> <li>8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance</li> <li>9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</li> </ol> |
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**DETAILED ACTION**

***Response to Amendments/Arguments***

1. The amendments of 6/3/06 have been considered.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

2. Claims 25, 33, 45, 53 are allowable.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As per Claim 25.

The prior art of record Lee (2002/0099649) in view of Quinn (3,688,276) do not disclose or fairly teach:

a flight firming process, the improvement comprising:  
assigning a new reservation to a robot, the robot assigning all or any portion of the limiting standards to the new reservation according to limitations imposed by the standards and issuing a warning message to the reserving entity in the event the reservation is not confirmed.

As per Claim 33.

The prior art of record Lee (2002/0099649) in view of Quinn (3,688,276) do not disclose or fairly teach:

a flight firming system, the improvement comprising:  
means for checking reservations to determine issuance status of a ticket and depending on issuance status, either cancels, queues, updates the reservation or adds another warning message to the reservation for transmittal to the reserving entity.

As per Claim 45.

The prior art of record Lee (2002/0099649) in view of Quinn (3,688,276) do not disclose or fairly teach:

a flight firming process, the improvement comprising:  
checking said reservations for duplicate reservation numbers;  
assigning a new reservation to a robot, the robot assigning all or any portion of the limiting standards to the new reservation according to limitations imposed by the standards and issuing a warning message to the reserving entity in the event the reservation is not confirmed.

As per Claim 53.

The prior art of record Lee (2002/0099649) in view of Quinn (3,688,276) do not disclose or fairly teach:

a system for firming flights, the improvement comprising:  
means for checking a reservation for duplicate ticket numbers;

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means for checking reservations to determine issuance status of a ticket and depending on issuance status, either cancels, queues, updates the reservation or adds another warning message to the reservation for transmittal to the reserving entity.

The claims that depend from these allowable claims are allowable for the same reasons.

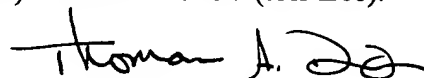
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thomas A. Dixon whose telephone number is (571) 272-6803. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 6:30 - 4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Hayes can be reached on (571) 272-6708. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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